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TO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

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E.O. 11652: N/A, DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT

TAGS: PFOR, SY

SUBJECT: ID AL-FITR MESSAGE

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT  
ASAD AT APPROPRIATE TIME:

QUOTE. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE,  
ON THIS OCCASION OF THE CELEBRATION OF THE ID AL-FITR,  
TO EXTEND TO YOU AND TO THE PEOPLE OF THE SYRIAN ARAB  
REPUBLIC THE BEST WISHES OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED  
STATES, AS WELL AS MY OWN PERSONAL GREETINGS. AS  
WE ENTER THIS ERA OF RENEWED FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION  
BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES, IT IS MY HOPE THAT OUR NATIONS  
WILL CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER TOWARDS THE  
ACHIEVEMENT OF A JUST AND FINAL PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.  
SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END QUOTE.

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN RELEASE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION  
IF SARG WISHES TO DO SO. INGERSOLL

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